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Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

I have served as the applicant's \_\_\_\_\_ research adviser \_\_\_\_\_ teacher in several classes \_\_\_\_\_ department chair  
 \_\_\_\_\_ major adviser \_\_\_\_\_ teacher in only one class \_\_\_\_\_ other (specify)

	Truly Exceptional (Top 1%)	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 10%)	Very Good (Top 25%)	Satisfactory (Top 50%)	Below Average (Lower 50%)	No Basis for Judgment
Knowledge in chosen field							
Motivation and perseverance toward educational goals							
Ability to work independently							
Ability to work as a member of a research team							
Ability to plan and conduct research							
Ability in:							
Oral expression							
Written expression							
Imagination and probable creativity							

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last first middle Jr, II, etc

Name of  
Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_  
last first middle

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment specifically on the applicant's strengths and limitations for graduate study in his/her field. Descriptions of significant accomplishments, contributions, and any qualities related to scholarly achievement are particularly helpful. An amplification of your answers to questions 2 and 3 will also be helpful. Several paragraphs regarding this applicant's ability will be more informative than one or two sentences.

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